THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.

IT HAS BEEN PREPARED, AND WILL BE PRESENTED FEBRUARY 7TH.

MORE MONEY IN THE TREASURY

streets and Health Departments in a Lesser Degree-Appropriation for Charities Slightly Reduced.

The budget for the year 1898 has been completed, and will be presented to the Common Council at the next regular menthly meeting, to be held Monday, February 7th.

The sub-committee of the Committee on Finance, which was charged with the drawing up of the budget, submitted their report last Thursday night, and it was accepted after several amendments had

Members of the committee say that while they are not at liberty to make known any of the details of the budgetbarving an old-time precedent-they beheve this year's budget will be received with very general favor. Owing to the fact that no payment has to be made on ount of the Sinking Fund this year, Vinance Committee had \$60,000 more money to divide among the departments. balk of this sum will go to the deariments of Streets and Health, but all the departments will benefit by it, more

It was rumored that there had been enother cut in the charity list, but this is true of only one or two institutions. t is said, the others receiving the same ount as last year, when the list of the table given blow shows the

amounts asked for this year by the various departments, together with the

CHIHA ALFERDA		
Aimshouse expenses,	14,100 00	13,900
Almshouse pay-roll	8,280 00	8,610
Almshouse poor, city	8,320 00	7,012
Almshouse const't'n.	1,000 00	1,000
City Morgue	100.00	100
Cemeteries:		
Oakwood expenses		
and water supply	1,800 00	700
Oakwood pay-roll	2,970 00	2,970
Pay-roll Riverview	1,800 00	1,695
Improvement River-		
view	1,000 00	500
Shockoe - Hill ex-		
penses and wall	1,100 00	80
Shockoe-Hill pay-		
roll	1,080 00	1,080
St. John's expenses.	200 00	200
St. John's pay-roll	684 96	684
City School Board:		
General expenses	15,000 00	10,372
Pay-roll		100,000
City Police:	-	
Contingent	2.250 00	1,600

Expenses. 17,180 00 Pay-roll 67,240 00 Ire Alarm:

Coal account 34,000 00 Oil account 21,000 00 Extension 7,000 00 Expenses 6,000 00 Expenses Lamp-lighting Grounds and Buildings: Health Department: 1mprovement Shockoe 28,000 00

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Improvements 1,500 00
Second (expenses) 2,300 00
Third (expenses) 400 00
Mechanics Institute
fund 6,000 00
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Opening of alleys 50,000 00
ower connections 200 00
over-service fund 500 00
Vater-Works: expenses Water Department-Purchase of water-15,000 00 15,000 00

REDMOND TO THE FORE. Interesting Developments in Postmastership Race.

The strength that Mr. J. J. Redmo has developed in the race for the Richmond postmastership within the last few days is somewhat surprising. He has all along been regarded as the dark horse, and as the race draws towards its close he is coming to the front. Mr. Redmond has the endorsement of more than 4,000 citizens, instead of 1,000, as stated yesterday, and the petition which Mayor Taylor and other city officials, as well as prominent Democrats.

as well as prominent Democrats.
Colonel Brady returned from Washington yesterday and was at the internal revenue office during the day. He enderses Judge Waddill's statement that the appointment has not yet been considered. Mr. Wray Knight says that when the patronage is bestowed he will probably be in the neighborhood. Mr. Knight has the active support of the rank and file of be active support of the rank and file of the local Republicans as well as the tacit support of the leaders. Colonel Brady, it is well known, is a strong sup-porter of Knight's claims, for it is said that he is anxious to appoint his son chief deputy in the internal revenue office. Waddill is also believed to be for

ell is said to be somewhat in dir Russell is said to be somewhat in disfavor with the Republican leaders. He has strong support from local politicians, though, and his former excellent admin-istration of the office will weigh heavily when the matter comes up for settlement In the mean time, Postmaster Culling-

worth holds the fort. His time expires on February 13th, but he will not be disturbed until March 1st.

MRS. FORD AND HER JEWELRY.

Her Suit Against Mr. Stern Dismiss-

The suit brought by Mrs. Loretta-Small Ford against Mr. Samuel Stern, the pawn-broker, to recover her diamonds alleged to have been surreptitiously pawned by her husband, was dismissed in the Law and Equity Court yesterday, the plaintiff being ordered to pay the costs of the action.

Judge Minor has granted a charter to the Blue Ribbon Baking Powder Company, the corporators of which are Messrs. J. W. Williams, W. H. Hoof-

nagle, Charles Hoofnagle, I. N. Vaughan, and E. O. McCabe.

The company is formed for the purpose of manufacturing and selling Blue Ribbon baking powder, and also for the manufacture and sale of grocery supplies.

manufacture and sale of grocery supplies.

The capital stock is to be not less than not not more than \$30,000, divided into res of the par value of \$100 each. The principal office is to be in Richmond.

The officers of the company for the first year are J. W. Williams, president; W. H. Hoofnagle, vice-president; Charles Hoefnagle, secretary and treasurer. The directors are the above, I. Newton Vaughan, and E. Osborne McCabe.

Motion for judgment was filed in this court by Robert Bradley against J. P. Hubbard for \$416.

In the City Circuit Court leave to amend their charters was granted to the Richmond Agricultural Implement Company, changing its name to the Implement Company, changing its name to the Implement Company, and to the Union Brokerage Company in regard to its capital stock. NORWAY AND SWEDEN ARMING.

SOCIABLE AT LEIGH STREET,

Delightful Entertainment Giver by the Young People's Union.

The Baptist Young People's Union of Leigh-Street church gave a delightful social Friday evening, for the pleasure of the members and friends of the union.

The spacious lecture-room of the church, which had been prettily decorated in green and white, was crowded with hap py young people, who greatly enjoyed all that had been provided for them. The musical and literary programme was especially bright and interesting. The ever-pleasing "No-Name" Quartette,

The ever-pleasing "No-Name" Quartette, composed of Messrs. Wooldridge, Mahoney, Lumsden, and Bossieux, rendered several well-chosen selections. The sweet singing of the "East-End" Quartette-Messrs. Crowder, Ringall, Acree, and Meade-delighted all. Interesting recitations were der. Ringall, Acres, and lighted all. Interesting recitations were given by Mrs. Mahon, Misses Pace, and Bickers, and Mr. De Vault, who was entire in his superb rendition of "How releases of the chanting in his superb rendition of "How Rubens Played." The soloists of the evening were Miss Garrison, Mrs. Ma-hon, and Mr. Wooldridge. A violin solo by Mr. Taliaferro, accompanied by Mr. Tignor, was much enjoyed.

Promptly at 10 o'clock, the "social hour"

was announced, during which time re-freshments were served to all present. A novel plan of promoting sociability had been arranged. Upon entering each person had been presented with a card, in shape, the emblem of the union, on one side of which was written the date and the initial letters, B. Y. P. U.; on the reverse two simple little lines, that explain-

"Will you kindly write your name; Give me your card, I'll do the same."

There was indeed a liberal presenting of cards for names, many new acquaint ances were made, old acquaintances be came better acquainted, and the enter-tainment was generally conceded to be "the most sociable sociable ever attend-

CANDIDATES FOR THE COUNCIL. The Cry Goes Up on All Sides for

an Early Primary. Things are "warming up" in local political circles, and though no new candidates have been announced for municipal offices since the list recently published in the Dispatch, there are fresh arrivals on the field every day for councilmanie honors.

Madison Ward, where Captain J. Taylor to the Niger, and along the right bank Stratton and Mr. T. R. Archibald Burke of the Niger to Say. In the mean time, have promised to run. Captain Stratton have good to the convention have possible adverse decision of the convention, so he is pushing through wanted. He has served in the Council wide. before and one term in the Legislature and would make a strong candidate. Mr. Burke is the brother of the candidate for the city sergeancy, and is well known in

office-holders are very anxious for an office-holders are very anxious for an early primary. They say if it is put off to shortly accredit a direct representative to the Abyssinian court, has given the professional politicians, ward heelers, solve the question of the Upper Nile. and dead beats have never been so numerous, so exacting, or so importunate before. One candidate said yesterday that he had reason to believe the City Com ne had reason to believe the City Com-mittee would name a day about the mid-dle of February. An early primary, he said, would not jeopardize any one's chances, since the office-hollers desired it, and the outside candidate had been cannagator, and working hard for months canvassing and working hard for months

There is sound logic in the argument and a committeeman said last night that from casual conversations he gathered that the consensus of opinion in the com-mittee was in favor of the early primary.

WILL NOT CONSOLIDATE.

Mr. J. S. Williams Says That No

Street-Car Deal Is Contemplated. Mr. John Skelton Williams returned yesterday morning from New York, and shortly after his arrival in the city was shown an account in a morning paper of what purported to be a big railroad deal, whereby the two street railway compa-nies of this city would be consolidated under his management.

He was greatly surprised at the publi-

cation, and declared that so far as he there was no foundation for it. Richmond Traction Company," said "The Richmond Traction Company," said Mr. Williams, "or a majority of the stock thereof, has never been offered to anybody at any price, nor has the Richmond Traction Company ever for one moment considered or entertained any proposition looking to the consolidation of the street-car lines by which the control of the Richmond Traction Company could possibly pass from the present owners."

"It is true," continued Mr. Williams "It is true," continued Mr. Williams, "that I expect to return to New York Sunday night, but it is for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Georgia and Alabama railway, which is to be held there on that day. The Richmond Traction Company is at present in a better position than it has ever been, and its earnings steadily increasing."

steadily increasing."
Mr. Andrew Pizzini was not in the city yesterday, but the other officers of the Richmond Railway and Electric Company were as much surprised at the publication as was Mr. Williams, and said they knew naught of any such deal.

A cold Weather To-Day.

A cold wave is predicted for to-day, and the lenth of its reign is a doubtful quantity. The harbinger of the atmospheric change came in with the north wind yesterday, and Weatherman Evans tells of snow in certain proximate regions. The conditions prevailing in different parts of the country yesterday are summed up as follows:

"The barometer pressure is lowest on the Middle Atlantic and New England coasts. An area of high barometer, with clear, cold weather, occupies the country west of the Mississippi Valley, and over this region there has been a general fall in temperature. Some cloudiness exists along the central eastern Rocky Mountain slope, on the west Guif coast, the Ohio Valley, and over the east Lake region, and New England States; elsewhere it is generally clear to fair.

"Light precipitation has occurred over the East Lake region and part of the Middle Atlantic States, on Lake Superior, and on the west Guif coast."

Grand Results of the Charity Ball.

BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS,

INDIA, AND AFRICA.

They Are Preparing for War With Each Other-A Carlist Organ Says Spain Is Justifiably Alarmed at Maine's Visit to Habana.

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by the Associated Press.) LONDON, January 29 .- After an unusually prolonged period of extreme tension, all indications point to an early improvement, in, if not a complete solution of, the various international political problems agitating the nerves of Great Bri-

The Foreign and Colonial offices are be ginning to see daylight through the darkness which has long been enveloping the far East, West Africa, the Upper Nile, and India, and unless signs fail, and information from the best-informed circles is faulty, the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will divide the honors, and Great Britain will secure about all she asks.

So far as China is concerned, this view. in connection with the speech of Mr. Curzon, the Parliamentary Secretary for the

zon, the Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, at Bolton, on Tuesday, and the reputed acceptance of the British Ioan, is generally regarded as correct.

Mr. Curzon foreshadowed the probable success of the Ioan negotiations, the achievement of Great British's purpose in keeping the ports free to the whole world, and the maintenance of treaty rights, whereby "spheres of influence are rendered impossible." dered impossible."

The Russian proposal of a loan to China

on the same terms as those of Great

Britain was not taken seriously. It is understood that she has not the money without drawing upon her war Paris is daily showing less inclination

to burn its fingers in a game in which, even if successful, Russia would be the only gainer, while Germany appears to have completely come around to the Bri-Throughout the situation has never been so alarming as sensationalists attempted to paint it. Hence, the Czar's peaceful assurancer and Lord George Hamilton's statement in his speech on Tuesday that the relations with Russia were entirely satisfactory will surprise America.

WEST AFRICA. Turning to West Africa, an official of the Colonial Office informs the Associated Press that the impossibility of securing witnesses from the west coast earlier is the reason for the delay in the Paris negotiations. Thus far all the British demands have been conceded nominally, and "provisionally, pending the result of the convention." But Mr. Chamberlain is perfectly satisfied that the British claims are upheld, and that the French will be onfined westward of a line prolonged The latest announcements come from from the present Lagos-Dahomey frontier

> In regard to the Upper Nile, the inter-esting news which Mr. Curzon dropped on Tuesday to the effect that ratifications of the treaty between Great Britain and King Menelik of Abyssinia have been exchanged, and that the government hopes to shortly accredit a direct representa-tive to the Abyssinian court, has given

> In the mean while, young Henry Cavendish, a distant relative of the Duke of

> dish, a distant relative of the Duke of Devonshire's, is preparing to start again for Equatorial Africa, accompanied by Lieutenant Andrews, eight British officers, and Mr. Dodson, who was the companion of Dr. Donaldson Smith, the American emplorer.
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> Mr. Cavendish will take with him 400 armed men and a number of rapid-fire guns. As his objective point is the junction of the White Nile and the Sobat river, at Sobat, the purpose of the expedition, it will readily be seen, is to cut off the French from reaching Fashoda, which is only a short distance north of which is only a short distance north of

While Mr. Cavendish is personally de fraying the cost of the expedition, it is known that he has been in frequent com-munication with the Marquis of Saiisbury, through the Duke of Devonshire. So it is safe to say the expedition is under government auspices

NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

The news from Christiania on Friday last that the commission appointed to draw up proposals for a better under-standing of the relations between Norway and Sweden has been unable to reach an agreement, indicates that the tension between Norway and Sweden is fast approaching the snapping point, and it is stated that on the frontier, the arming of both parties is rapidly progressing, both sides preparing for war.

The health of King Humbert, of Italy, is again causing uneasiness. The fainting fits have recurred.

A Carlist organ, discussing the visit of a United States battleship to Habana, expresses the opinion that the Spanish Government is justifiably alarmed, add-ing. "though every effort is made to disspite of the official statement or

"In spite of the official statement of Admiral Cervaeres, the admiral of the flect, on Tuesday last, at a conference with the Minister of Marine, when he asserted that the recent evolutions had demonstrated the perfect condition of the Spanish fleet." the paper referred to continues, "Admiral Cervaeres in reality reported that there was not a ship ready for service; that the vessels not actually in dry-dock ought to be there; that many of the bollers were defective; that some ships were not yet armed, and that most ships were not yet armed, and that most of the vessels required cleaning. In view of the perfidy of the United States, it is not surprising that such helpless-

BURGLARY AT WARRENTON. A Safe Blown Open-A Well-Planned Raid.

WARRENTON, VA., January 29 .- (Special Control of the Control of t cial.)-About 2 o'clock this morning, Mr. Albert Fletcher's safe in his large wholesale establishment was blown open with dynamite, and everything in it stolen. It is impossible yet for Mr. Fletcher to tell how much he lost. It may have been hundreds and it may have been thousands in bonds and money.

This morning at an early hour the three three morning at an early hour the three mide over the three mide over the three transfer and the three transfer are the three transfer and the three transfer are the three transfer are transfer are three transfer are three transfer are transfer are three transfer are transf

This morning at an early hour the three doors to the store were wide open and the lock to the safe had been skilfully blown off. Some expert hand had been at work. Last night, in order to perpetrate the burglary, the same party or parties broke open the tool-house at Casanora, six miles below here, on the railroad, and took the hand-car that they railroad, and took the hand-car that they might run up here the more easily. This morning they used the car for their escape until they got within a mile or two of Calverton. There they threw it off the track, and it is supposed they took the Chesapeake and Ohio train for the North

Justice John's Bargain-Day. John Gilpin, a gentleman of color and other proclivities, was charged with stealing a lump of coal from the Chesapeake and Ohlo Railroad Company, and was sent down for fifteen days.

Maggio Mahood (colored) was charged CARTHAGENA, January 29.—The first-class armored cruiser Vizcaya haz started for America. The rest of the Spanish squadron is preparing to sail for Habana. The ironciad Christobal Colon (formerly the Gluseppe Garibaldi II.) will accompany the torpedo flotilla later.

with doing the rather ungraceful and un-feminine thing of cursing and abusing Ida Burch, also a damsel of color, and was fined \$5 and costs.

Edmonia Johnson was disorderly on the

Edmonia Johnson was disorderly on the screet, a very commendable action, only a valiant in blue happened to see her, and she was run in. Justice John gave her a bargain at \$2.50. There was another woman in the case, Bettie Washington, who was fined another \$2.50.

THE TELLER RESOLUTION.

House Republicans Propose to Dispose of It To-Morrow. WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29 .-

The determination has been reached by the Republican leaders in the House of Representatives that the Teller resolution for the payment of bonds in silver be disposed of by the House on Monday, was reached after numerous conferences between Speaker Reed, Chairman Dingley, of the Ways and Means Committee Messrs. Dalzell and Henderson, of the Rules Committee, and other influential and would cost a great deal of money to members of the House.

Late in the day the resolution, which had come over from the Senate, was referred by the Speaker to the Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman Dinging of the committee at 10:30 Monday the Democratic members of the committee that his general purpose was, sub- one of these barrels accidentally stantially, as follows:

The bill will be considered by the committee Monday, and an adverse report made on it. No amendment or change in the phraseology will be made, but the committee's report will be made on the resolution as it stands. This will be venes on Monday, and plans will be made to dispose of the matter before the day's

Dingley made no prediction, beyond saying that it was proposed to dispose of the subject on Monday. This will doubtless require a special rule as to the debate. A basis for such a rule was presented today by Mr. Dalzell, a member of the Rules Committee, in the form of a resolution providing that the subject be considered immediately after the report of the Ways and Means Committee. The committee will probably be ready to report by 12 o'clock, so that, under Mr. Dalzell's resolution, the debate will be begun shortly after noon. It is probable that before the House assembles the Dalzell resolution will be so shaped as to fix the hours of debate and set a time

The determination to bring the subject to an immediate issue gave general satisfaction among the majority of members. Some of them had desired to put aside all other business to-day and vote down the Teller resolution before this

CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Narrow Escape from Being Burned to Death-Other Matters.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., January 29.-(Special.)-Nannie Blue, the little daughter of Mr. J. L. Blue, narrowly escaped death by burning. Her clothing took fire from a grate, but Mrs. Blue extinguished the flames by wrapping her

own skirts about the little one. The Rev. E. H. Rawlings, of Clay-Street Methodist church, Richmond, will preach at the University to-morrow morning and evening. In the afternoon he will address the Charlottesville Epworth

League. The young Kentucky novelist, Miss Hattie Ermime Rives, now said to be at a Brooklyn sanitarium, is described as sister to the Princess Troubetzkoy (Amele Rives). This, of course, is not true. Hattie Ermime Rives, now said to be at a Brooklyn sanitarium, is described as sister to the Princess Troubetzkoy (Amelie Rives). This, of course, is not true. It was said some time ago that they were cousins, but it is understood that the Miss Lottie Paoli is quite ill of grip.

This troublesome malady is quite preva-Mr. T. C. Joplin succeeds Mr. Turner as keeper of the bonded warehouse

Band Concert To-Morrow Night. The Citizens' Band, one of the most eficient musical organizations in the city, will give a concert and ball at Corcoran Hall to-morrow night for the benefit of the uniform fund. A large attendance is

The Citizens' Band was organized October 21, 1897, and is composed of some of the former members of the Old Howitzers' Band and other experienced musicians. It numbers seventeen members.

This is an independent band, organized for the people and under the leadership of the efficient bandmaster, Philip Calavita, and rehearses once a week at the

Chapel-Hill Mention.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., January 29 .-(Special.)-A faculty dinner was given Friday evening by Mrs. Gore in President day evening by all.

Alderman's honor. This is the finale of a series of dinners at which Mrs. Gore has entertained her friends during January. The President sails on the 5th for ary. The President sails on the 5th for the Mediterranean. He will return in May. Mr. Gore, of the Chair of Physics. He will return in has been made temporary chairman of the faculty, and will act during the presi-

No Hope of Finding Ashby's Body. WASHINGTON, January 29.—United States Consul-General Gudger, at Pan-ama, has cabled the State Department that all efforts to find the body of the late United States Consul Ashby, who was drowned in the harbor at Colon, have failed, and from the length of time that has elapsed since the fatal accident, it is believed there is now no hope of securing the remains.

WASHINGTON, January 29.-Fourth-lass postmasters have been appointed as

Carolina-Polton, Elijah Flake; McFarlan, Mrs. Emma E. Odom; Williamston, J. M. Sitterson. Virginia--Cismont, P. W. Knighton;

Crabbottom, C. S. Waybright. Spanish Student Demonstrations.

made a demonstration to-day before the office of the Progresso. They stoned the windows, but were eventually driven away by the police.

A demonstration which the students are organizing for Monday will probably

Willie Bismarck Pinks His Man.

BERLIN, January 29.-It is report of East Prussia, and second son of Prince Bismarck, has fought a duel with Hern Maubach, the chief presidential councillor, owing to a personal quarrel. Maubach, it is added, was wounded

MADRID, January 29.—The students our credit.

Spanish Squadron Coming. CARTHAGENA, January 29.-The first-

THE MONITOR TERROR

OFFERED. EXPLANATION

COMMISSION.

Visiting Lumbermen at Norfolk-

NORFOLK, VA., January 29 .- (Special.) The Navy Department has decided not passed by the Senate last night should to put the monitor Terror out of commission, but to place the big harbor dein order that the attitude of that branch | fender in reserve at this yard, where the of Congress might be placed before the monitor Puritan is also on the emergency country immediately. This conclusion list. The explanation offered for not carrying out the intention of putting the Terror out of commission is that she has complicated steering and turret turning gear which would have to be dismantled,

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Mr. Willis Dean Bidgood, one of the most prominent and successful truckers on the Western branch, met with an acciley at once gave notice of a special meet- dent at his home this morning which resuited in instant death. Mr. Bidgood was morning. At the same time he notified in the barn, while a number of men were in the loft handling empty barrels, and through the hatch on the second floor below, a distance of 15 feet, striking him on the head, death ensuing almost instantly.

VISITING LUMBERMEN.

The Union Association of Lumber Dealers of Ohio and Pennsylvania, consisting of dealers and manufacturers from these States and also from West Virginia, arrived here this morning in a special train of siceping cars over the Norfolk and Western railroad, and were met by seventeen by the beauty of the members. ral local lumber dealers. The members of the association have been in annual of the association have been in annual convention in Columbus, and, according to an established custom, are taking a tour of the South. There are some hundred or more gentlemen and quite a number of ladies in the party. This morning they visited the navy-yard and this evening inspected the lumber mills on the river. At 6:10 o'clock this evening they went to Old Point, where a banquet was held at the Chamberlain Hotel, followed by a "concatenation" of the "Hoo-Hoos," by a "concatenation" of the "Hoo-Hoos," the lumbermen's national secret society. FIRE IN PORTSMOUTH.

Lindsay's mattress factory, in Portsmouth, on the water front, was burned this morning with its contents. The building was a sheet of flame when the alarm was turned in, and the work done by the department was of little avail. The loss is covered by insurance. The factory is supposed to have been accidentally fired by tramps, by whom it has been used as sleeping quarters, despite been used as sleeping quarters, despite numerous raids and arrests by the police. In fact, the place was searched at H o'clock last night by a couple of policemen, who found no one in it at that

OUT IN HIGHLAND:

Deaths-County Court-A Wind-Storm.

MONTEREY, VA., January 29. cial.)-Colonel Benjamin Hines, one of the oldest and most highly-respected citizens of the county, died at his home, at Me-Dowell, yesterday. Colonel Hines was about 90 years old, and had been almost entirely helpless for a number of years, He has, perhaps, as large a family connection as any man in the county, and was widely known throughout the adtoining countles.

Mrs. Mary Slavin, wife of Mr. Jesse B. Slavin, died at her home, in Monterey,

An act of the Legislature of 1896, changing this County Court District and link-ing Highland to Augusta county, took effect January 1st, and the first session of our County Court under Judge Lyman Chalkley, of Staunton, was held on the 27th. Owing to the fact that Augusta County Court falls on the fourth Monday in each month, the time for holding our County Court will be changed from the fourth Tuesday to a time which will not conflict with Judge Chalkley, sitting there,

perhaps, to the third Tuesday.

But little business was transacted at this term, aside from the committing of two old estates to the Sheriff for settlement, and the correction of a few cases

Hon. Charles P. Jones has just returned from a visit to the capital city and

Lynchburg.
The unusual phenomenon of heavy witnessed by our people this week, and some excitement and trouble was caused amond 'phone-holders along the new line

amond phone-holders along the new line in the county, where lightning plugs, etc., had not been provided.

The very heavy winds of the past week have done much damage to the telephone lines, fences, etc. Mr. James Trimble, pear Monterey, had two cut halfely. near Monterey, had two out-buildings destroyed, one of which was carried per-haps a hundred yards into an adjoining

THE SADDLER TRIAL. Two Years in the Penitentiary-Credit Middlesex.

STORMONT, VA., January 29 .- (Special.) The trial of Leonard Saddler for shooting at J. R. Parks, which has occupied the court at Saluda for four days, ended this evening, the jury having brought in a verdict of guilty, and fixed the punishment at two years in the penitentiary. Counsel for the defence made a motion for a new trial, but afterwards with-drew it. Saddler was sent to jail to await the arrival of the penitentiary cases of the other two Saddlers

and Ashburn, as accomplices, were laid

over until the February term.

In the Auditor's report of criminal expenses, Middlesex exhibits a deficit in meeting her expenses with her taxes, but it must be remembered that the Williams trial, brought to this county under a change of venue from Westmoreland \$2,000, was charged up in this report to this county. If this was deducted there would be nearly a thousand dollars to SUFFOLK.

An Odd-Fellows' Banquet-Social

Notes-Personal. SUFFOLK, VA., January 29 .- (Special.) The recently-elected officers of Rosewood

Camp, No. 2, Woodmen of the World, were publicly installed last night at Odd-Fellows Hall by Commander C. A. Shoop, assisted by Sovereign L. E. Turner. After the installation, the sovereigns, with their wives, sweethearts, and other invited guests, proceeded to Armory Hall, on Bank street, where an elegant supper had been prepared for them by the ladies of the Baptist church. The hall was attractively decorated and brilliantly lighted with handsome banquet lamps, in addition to which the tables were decorated with handsome palms, in the midst of the elegant array of gastronomic viands. The menu was varied and elaborate, smbracing toethsome turkey.

Total aggregate 2.725. The resources will aggregate \$2.725. The resources will be from rents, \$1.769, and from membership fees, about \$1.109. The salary of the general secretary will be reduced from \$1.500 to \$500 per annum. The association has one of the finest buildings of the kind in the State.

The Governor has appointed Mr. John A. Mallory, a notary public for this city. Mr. E. Myers, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, has been quite till for some days.

The Epworth League of Market-Street Methodist Episcopal church held a large and yery interesting meeting last night. were publicly installed last night at Odd-

succulent bivalves, chicken saind, old Virginia ham, and the various other things complementary to a first-class feast. It was a most pleasant occasion, and served to bring the order of Woodmen of the World more prominently before our people than it has been heretofore. Sovereigns W. B. Lawrence, R. R. Allen, and J. Walter Hosler, who composed the Entertainment Committee, made no mistake in placing the preparation of the supper in the hands of the ladies of the Baptist church, who are adepts in such affairs, the proceeds of their labors being devoted to church work.

work.
The young men of the Cosmopolitan Club gave a phonographic concert at their club-room last night, which was quite a pleasant affair. Mr. L. W. Caulk managed the "machine," and Mr. C. L. Lewis was chairman of the Eutertainment Committee.

Judge Wilbur J. Kilby and wife gave an elegant recention to a number of

ment Committee.

Judge Wilbur J. Kilby and wife gave an elegant reception to a number of young people on Thursday night, at their rosidence, on Main street. The guests of honor were Miss Weisiger, of Ashland, who is visiting Miss Blanche Kilby, and Miss Ernestine Bayne, of Culpeper, who is visiting Miss Helen Murray.

Miss Rosa Ethridge, of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting Mrs. M. T. Withers and family, on Main street.

Mr. Charles B. Whitehead and sister, Miss Florence B. Whitehead, of Denver, Col., spent several days this week with their cousin, Mrs. Margaret A. Prentis.

Mrs. Merritt Briggs has returned to Suffolk, after spending some months in Macon, N. C., and will stop with Mrs. J. M. Briggs for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Josephine Turner-Homans, of New York city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Graham, on Bank street.

Councilman H. R. Culley, of Suffolk, has been appointed to a responsible position in connection with the building of the Monticello Hotel, in Norfolk, and assumed his duties there this week.

Messrs. Castner, Curran & Bullitt, of Roanoke, have donated a car-load of Pocahontas coal (for which they are sole agents) to the King's Daughters of Suffolk, who will have it distributed among the poor of the town.

Mr. S. A. Baker and family, who have been living in Suffolk for a number of years, left here yesterday for Jessup, Ga, where they will reside.

Mrs. J. Lloyd Savage and daughter, Miss Ethel, of Roper, N. C., are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. M. J. Oberry.

Professor Frank Roche, of Hampton, arrived here yesterday afternoon on a visit to relatives and friends.

ONANCOCK.

Fire Department-Sweet Potatoes-Big Hogs-Social.

ONANCOCK, VA., January 29.cial.)-The recent town meeting appointed Mr. Goodwin Joynes to organize a volunteer fire company for Onancock. A. large number of the active and vigorous young men of the town have handed in their names to Mr. Joynes, who has called a meeting for next Tuesday evening to perfect an organization, When the water-works are extended to all portions

water-works are extended to all portions of the town, and an effective fire company organized, it is said the ruinous fire-insurance rates now prevailing here will be materially reduced.

It is announced that all the stock necessary for the establishment of a shirt-factory here has been taken, and there is a strong probability that a fruit and vegetable canning-factory will be started in the town next summer. The recently-appointed Board of Trade held an important meeting last night, and mapped out some work which will doubtless result in greatly increasing the trade and pros-

some work which will doubtless result in greatly increasing the trade and prosperity of the town.

From present indications, it is safe to say that the farmers of the Eastern Shore will plant during the coming season a larger acreage than ever bofore in sweet potatoes. Already the sales of fertilizers have been larger than at this season in any previous year. The good prices obtained last year are stimulating the farmers to adopt this policy. If prices shall prove to be remunerative all will be well; if not, the farmers will rue it.

The preliminary survey for marking the boundary line between Maryland and Virginia in Pocomoke and Taugier sounds has been completed, and the engineers and commissions have joined in recommending to the legislatures of the two States

that they make the necessary apprepria-tions for marking the line with perma-nent towers or buoys. G. Lloyd Doughty, preprietor of the Mr. G. Lloyd Doughty, preprietor of the hotel at Accomac Courthouse, has two of the largest hogs ever raised in this part of the world. They are so large as part of the world. They are so large as to attract curious persons from far and near. On the last two County-Court days they have been the chief attraction, the pens in which they are confined being surrounded throughout the day with eager spectators. A guess-box has been set up in the hotel, into which every one who desires to do so can, for 10 cents, deposit his guess as to what the nogs will weigh. The one who comes nearast the true weight will get the pile. They are to be slaughtered next Wednesday, when a great crowd is expected to be

when a great crowd is expected to be present.

The Thursday Club, composed of some of the literary young ladies of this town, held its last meeting at Maple Grove, the home of Mrs. Matilda Groton, on Joynes street. Miss Mary Tyler read an intermediate course.

Joynes street. Miss Mary Tyler read an interesting paper.
Robert Scarburgh, son of Dr. George T. Scarburgh, of Accomac, has resigned the position of private secretary to Captain Orris A. Browne, at Cape Charles, in order to study law in New York. He is one of the brightest and most promising young men of the Eastern Shore.
Miss Florence Browne, of Jenkins Bridge, is visiting Miss Charlotte Parker, at "Scott Hall," in this town.
Mr. William B. Dix, member of the

Mr. William B. Dix, member of the Baltimore School Board, is visiting friends and relatives in Onancock. A whist club was organized at the home of Mr. Robert L. Hopkins during the past week. The club will meet every Wednesday night.

PAGE COUNTY.

A Successful Revival in Luray-Personal Notes.

LURAY, VA., January 29 .- (Special.)-The revival services at the Main-Street Baptist church, which have been in progress for about ten days, have been of an exceedingly interesting character. The of Richmond. There have been a number of professions, and up to date, fourteen have been received into the church for

Miss Emma Parks, daughter of Captain R. S. Parks, member of the House of Delegates from this county, left this

morning for a visit of several weeks to friends in Richmond.

Mrs. Sherman, wife of Mr. J. H. Sherman, manager of the Deford Tannery, in this place, is quite sick, and her condition much uneasiness to her family Mr. Perry Broyles, an aged citizen, is also confined to his house by sickness.

PETERSBURG, January 29.—(Special.)—
It is gratifying to know that the Young
Men's Christian Association will be maintained in our community, though it has
been found necessary to retrench in the
matter of expenses. The bonded indebtedness of the association is \$34,500 and the
floating debt about \$2,500. The bondholders have agreed to accept 3 per cent,
interest instead of 6 per cent., as heretofore, and with this reduction the annual
expenses will aggregate \$2,725. The resources will be from rents, \$1,700, and
from membership fees, about \$1,100. The
salary of the general secretary will be
reduced from \$1,500 to \$600 per annum.

QUESTION IN FEDERAL HOUSE.

Making Government Obligations

There seems to be no prospect of an abatement of the political debate which has been in progress in the House during the consideration of the appropria bills. Again to-day, almost the entire ses sion was consumed in the discussion political topics. The controverted ques

The Clerk of the Senate transmitted the Teller resolution, which passed the Senate last night. The annoucement was greeted with a terrific outburst of applause from the Democratic side of the plause from the Dente-House. No motion was made at the time, House, No motion was made at the time, however, and the resolution remain the table.

Mr. King (Democrat), of Utah, raised a laugh by offering an amendment to the

Mr. Simpson (Populist), of Kansas, commented upon President McKinley's declaration at the manufacturers' dinner in New York, to the effect that the attempt to make all the obligations of the United States payable in the dearest money in the world was "dress-coat ansarchy."

In the course of some remarks in a more serious vein, Mr. Allen aroused the Democrats to applause by quoting the following from a speech delivered by President McKinley in the House in 1830, when the McKinley bill was under consideration:

Mr. Walker (Republican), of Massachu-

question. "The gentleman's statements are so reckless," retorted Mr. Walker, "that I decline to yield to or recognize

After some further remarks by Mr.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, January 29 .- (Special.)-Wednesday evening, at the Law School, Judge McComas, the newly elected United States senator from the State of Maryland, was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the students of the different classes, at the presidents of the several class organizations each made a short address, complimenting the Judge on his recent political success. In response, Judge McComas thanked the speakers and the students in general for their pleasant surprise to him, and after assuring them of his regard for the university and its students, announced that his political duties would not have the effect of terminating his connection with the Law School, but that he would still remain a member of the faculty and a lecturer on the subjects in which he had formerly been their instructor.

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as to whether prosperity had arrived at-tracted the most attention, and interest-ing testimony pro and con was offered acrimony was displayed, but as a suite the debate was good-natured, both sides seeming to recognize that it was a strug-

gle to score political advantage. Only a few pages of the District of Columbia appropriation bill were disp

District appropriation bill to appropriate \$50,000 for the improvement of the White House, "to make it a suitable abode for Hon. Mark Hanna." The amendment was ruled out on a point of order. DRESS-COAT ANARCHY.

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Mr. Tongue (Republican), of Oregon, in a spirited reply, danounced the Populists and the Democrats for being responsible, through the passage of the Wilson taring bill, for the depression and poverty of the farming classes.

The discussion became very animated when the topic of prosperity was reached. Mr. Richardson (Democrat), of Tennessee, precipitated it, and Messrs. Grosvenos (Republican), of Ohio; Cochran (Democrat), of Missouri; Hopkins (Republican), of Ilinois; Mahany (Republican), of New York, and Fitzgerald (Democrat), of Maesschusetts, took part.

The latter again brought up the New England cotton strikes, which have played a considerable part in the debate on previous days.

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Mr. Hepburn (Republican), of Iowa, created some cathusiasm on the Republican side when he read the "Dun Trace Review" as an answer to the Democratic criticism of the effects of the Dingley law. Members of the House, said he, no matter what their politics, kave no right, in attempting to score a little cheap political capital, to become the libellers and slanderers of their country.

Mr. Allen (Democrat), of Mississippi, enlivened the proceedings with one of his witty speeches. He said he was tired of having Mr. Dingley get up every day and explain why his bill had not met the expectations of the country. It was very hard, he said, but it was with the same solemn, sorious mien with which the clothier explained to him how he was able to sail goods below cost.

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are poorest, and the most distressing of perismos in the history of our country-yea, in all human history—have been when everything was the lowest and cheapest, measured by gold, for then everything was highest and dearest mea-

setts, who followed, denounced Mr. Fitz-gerald's statement that Boston was not Mr. Fitzgerald asked him to yield to a

Dinsmore (Democrat), of Arkansas; Mr.
Pitney (Republican), of New Jersey; Mr.
Todd (Democrat), of Michigan, and Mr.
Hawley (Republican), of Texas, at a
o'clock, the House adjourned.

The Senate was not in session to-day. GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. Judge McComas Presented With Bouquet-Spenkers Named.

the State of Maryland, was presented

for the interest of the United States to establish a national university, having control over all collegiate degrees." The judges are yet to be chosen.

The Philodemic Society is arranging for a debate to be held with the Morris Debating Society.

The mass-ball, which until two years ago was held annually at the university, has been revived, and on the 21st of next month it will be held. The festivities will consist of a dinner at 5.39, a performance of the Dramatic Society. "The Critic," at 8, and following that a grand ball.

At the Medical School Professor Sylvester D, Hood is engaged in delivering a series of lectures on "Embryoloxy," the object being the instruction of the students in the development of plants. Professor Simpson has commenced a series of lectures on "Mollusca."